

**To:** Legislative Staff and Advocates

**From:** Senator Sheila Kuehl, Chair,  
Select Committee on International Trade Policy and State Legislation

**Regarding:** Legislative Briefing  
Tuesday, March 20, 2001  
3:30-5:30 pm, Room 2040, State Capitol

You are cordially invited to attend a legislative briefing hosted by the **Senate Select Committee on International Trade Policy and State Legislation**. This committee was created to explore the appropriate relationship between states and the federal government when international trade policy intersects with traditional state roles in environmental protection, natural resource management, human rights protections and public safety. As the reach of these trade rules expands, state governments, specifically state legislatures, could be seriously compromised in their ability to legislate in these areas, and even potentially be required to amend their laws or be faced with trade sanctions.

State governments are currently not prepared to meet this challenge. California is the first state to have a committee of this kind in the U.S., and we hope that the state can use its enormous potential to contribute to the new global economic order to retain our state's historic preference for California based businesses, decent labor and human rights standards and strong environmental and public health standards.

This briefing will describe the ways in which international trade policies work, how they intersect with state law, and how we in California, the sixth largest economy in the world, can become stakeholders in the process. Please join us for this important briefing.

**Speakers include:**

- **Senator Sheila James Kuehl, Chair, Senate Select Committee on International Trade Policy and State Legislation**
- **Robert Stumberg, Harrison Institute for Public Law, Georgetown University Law Center**
- **Noel Schacter, Director, International Branch, British Columbia Ministry of Employment and Investment**
- **Robbie Cox, President, The Sierra Club**

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